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Shadduck, Van Gilder at Conference

Dr. B. H. Shadduck, well-known conference speaker and author of "Mistakes God Did Not Make," was the speaker at the opening session of the Eleventh Annual Bible Conference, held in the University Chapel on Bryan Hill, Sunday, October 12. In the evening service of the same day, at the Trinity Methodist Church in Dayton, his subject was, "Dust and Deity." On Monday evening, Dr. Shadduck spoke at the local Baptist Church.

On Monday afternoon, as again on Friday morning, the conference speaker was our own Dr. Harris H. Gregg, professor of Bible and author of the Sunday School Lesson comments mailed monthly to numerous friends who have requested them. Deep truths of God's Word were revealed as Dr. Gregg held students, staff and visitors rapt in attention to the voice of the Spirit.

The coming of Rev. Henry C. Geiger, superintendent of the Cumberland Bible Institute and Children's Home at Livingston, Tennessee, and a member of the University's Board of Trustees, was another treat in this week of spiritual feasting. Rev. Geiger emphasized the saying of Jesus, "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone—but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

One of the best-received speakers of recent years was Dr. H. O. Van Gilder, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church at Portsmouth, Ohio, whose scholarly approach to the exposition of Scripture was appreciated by both students and staff, as well as the numerous visitors from Dayton—and other places as far distant as Ohio, New Jersey, and Florida. Dr. Van Gilder's first message, "The Resurrection," was delivered in the First Methodist Church on Wednesday evening.

Thursday was a high point in the conference program, with Mr. R. G. LeTourneau, nationally-known as America's No. 1 Christian Layman,

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Bible Conference Speakers

Left:
Dr. Shadduck
Right:
Dr. Van Gilder



New Staff Members

NEWSLETTE, along with her host of friends, welcomes to the faculty and staff of Bryan University Miss Alma Rader, Acting Dean of Women; Miss Agnes Fay, Instructor in English, and Miss Dorothy Hess, Dietitian.

Having had wide experience in both the Atlantic City (New Jersey) and Butler (Pennsylvania) Young Women's Christian Associations, Miss Rader is also an able teacher of the Word. Her interest in young people makes her especially capable in directing the dormitory activities and college life of young Christian women who desire to make the most of the talents with which the Lord has endowed them.

A graduate of Wheaton College, Miss Fay is whole-heartedly in sympathy with the spiritual standards of Bryan University and able to understand the particular problems pertaining to such an institution. Her training has been such as to make her a welcome addition to the teaching staff in the English Department.

Miss Dorothy Hess, a graduate of Toronto Bible College, has for several summers been connected with the staff of the Greenwood Hills Bible Conference dining room, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hill, formerly in charge of the Bryan University Dining Hall. The Bryan Family looks forward to many happy times of fellowship and good meals under the supervision of Miss Hess.

Twenty States Are Represented

Of the twenty states sending young people to Bryan Hill, Pennsylvania leads the way with nineteen students from within its boundaries, a recent count revealed. Ohio ranks second with twelve, while the home state, Tennessee, accounts for eight, Florida coming close behind with seven. The student body includes three New Jerseyites and three Missourians, and two from each of the following: California, Iowa, Michigan, Mississippi, South Carolina and West Virginia. Arkansas, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, New York, Virginia and Washington have each added one to the University family. Though they have now made their homes in the United States, six foreign-born students have registered for this session—Theodore Mellow, Constance Morgan and John Quimby from China, David Kerr from Ireland, Gwen Hay and Eugene Rosenau from Africa. Miss Kaltenbach, instructor in Romance Languages, was also born in Africa.

In spite of the fact that each one claims his own state to be the "best and most beautiful," the University anticipates a blessed year with the fine group of Christian young men and women whom the Lord has brought together. Truly He "hath redeemed . . . and gathered them . . . from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south." (Ps. 107:2, 3.)—G. L.

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—God Above All—

SOME WONDERFUL FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

An honest doubter may question the truth of the Scriptures. Here are a few wonderful facts about the Bible:

1. Sinners hate it, and saints love it.
2. It promotes every good and denounces every evil.
3. Its precepts advance the happiness of man, and adds to his felicity.
4. It denounces every thing that would cause human sorrow.
5. Where the Bible goes civilization follows.
6. Where the Bible is, there are hospitals, doctors, and all human mercies.
7. The more this book is given away, the greater its sale.
8. It is loved by those of every age in life.
9. It attracts the simplest minds and confounds the deepest thinkers.
10. It applies itself to all kinds of mental processes.
11. It is loved by doctors, lawyers, merchants, bankers of every kind, whereas the libraries pertaining to their own kind of work are not attractive to those outside that line of service.
12. It is always up-to-date and meets today's needs.
13. It is so complete in its coverage of all human conditions, that no one has ever written a chapter to add anything new to it.
14. It is the only book written by Jews that is loved by Gentiles.
15. It is the only book written in the Orient that is loved throughout the world.
16. It has survived the ignorance of its friends and the hatred of its enemies.
17. It has remained on the battlefields of life to preach the funerals of those who opposed it.
18. It is the only revelation of what lies beyond the tomb.

RECONCILIATION

I met God deep in the forest;
I met Him far on the sea;
But I never really knew Him
Till I met Him on Calvary.

I worshipped Him at the altar;
I prayed where life's tempests toss;
But our hearts were fused together
When I met Him at the Cross.

—Clarence E. Flynn

ORGANIZATIONS ELECT

Recent elections held by classes and the Christian Service Association groups resulted in the appointment to office of several among many nominees. Class officers for the present year are as follows:

Senior Class—President, Warren Oliff; Vice-President, Leona Wilson; Secretary, Helen Harrison; Treasurer, Lowell Hoyt; Faculty Adviser, Dean D. W. Ryther.

Junior Class — President, Solon Hoyt; Vice-President, John Harper; Secretary, Eileen Hartschuh; Treasurer, Jesse Humbert; Faculty Adviser, Professor L. E. Fish.

Sophomore Class—President, Samuel Hemberger; Vice-President, Clyde Brogan; Secretary, Beatrice Batson; Treasurer, Nellie Stover; Faculty Adviser, Professor Roy McMurry.

Freshman Class—President, Russell Musterman; Vice-President, Kenneth Kennard; Secretary-Treasurer, June Kramer; Faculty Adviser, Miss Agnes Fay.

The Lay Ambassadors of the C. S. A. elected Leona Wilson to the presidency, with Ted Mellow and June Lykens as Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. Jesse Humbert is to be Council Representative, Laura Belle Eastep is Chairman of the Program Committee, and Prof. and Mrs. Fish, Faculty Advisers.

As President of the Foreign Missions Fellowship, Nellie Stover will be assisted by Richard Mowrey, Vice-President; Hazel Waller, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Jones, C. S. A. Council Representative, and Beatrice Batson, F. M. F. Representative.

19. Its statements are so true that it invites the criticism of historians, archaeologists, scientists and investigators of every kind.
20. Its statements are accurate concerning chemistry, astronomy, geology, mathematics, botany, anatomy and all other arts and sciences.

There are no mistakes in it.

R. W. L. in *The Biblical Digest*

MODERN EDUCATION NEEDS CHARACTER- BUILDING CONTENT

Education as conceived and conducted by Christians loomed comparatively far larger in early America than now. Citizens who first saw that the welfare of society demanded training of the intellect and direction of the human personality during its formative period were Christian believers, and the first educators ministers.

In nascent America religious faith was, in a measure surely not equalled in the development of any other new land, the formative force that guided the colonies. Not enough recognition has been given to this, though it is easy of proof. Rationalistic and unbelieving writers in the educational field now tend to ignore the Christian background of our American Republic. They spotlight, instead, every materialistic and unbelieving element they can get a line on.

The well known newspaper writer Walter Lippmann, in a recent address before the American Association For the Advancement of Science, voiced the view that present educational trends away from the old-fashioned classic backgrounds, are closely related to the rise of present dangers to American institutions and Western civilization. Both Mr. Lippmann and some prominent educators now take the position that it is cultural suicide in education to substitute "the elective, the eclectic, the specialized, the accidental and incidental improvisations and spontaneous curiosities of teachers and students" for the classics. May this witness increase!

Mr. Lippmann declared that far too exclusive emphasis is placed upon teaching subjects viewed as being materially useful at the cost of subjects of value in character building.

This is vastly important. It concerns especially all responsible leadership in America, whether political, religious, or social. America has lost much in the educational field that makes for stable citizenship in the dearth today of the education that only Christian schools and Christian teachers can impart. *Man is spirit, as well as body and mind. Only those who know and fear God really understand that the God-ward outlook of man's spirit is transcendantly important, or how to teach it to others!*

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A Letter From Sam

Dear Friends:

If it were not for the great reports I get from Bryan Hill about what a fine bunch of young folks they have enrolled this year, and just as many as last year, too, I guess I'd be pretty much down in the dumps. Just seems as though the miles have been awfully long and the road rough all along the way. Why, it's been sorta like horse-and-buggy days, the miles have slipped by so slowly.

But I'm not whipped—not by a long shot. The "old faithfuls" kept me traveling, and I know they will stick with me, be it "pushing" time or "coasting" time. And their faithfulness makes me want to dig in this month and go places.

But I need your help. Those folks on the Hill are looking to me to get the word around, and it's going to take a lot of gas and oil. How to get it? Why, if everyone who reads this letter would furnish "four gallons of gas"—that's about a dollar down this way—I'd get a third of the way home this month. Boy, wouldn't that be great!

Yours for many miles,

Sam

GREAT MEN ON THE GREATEST BOOK

The present-day "world champions" would do well to hearken back to what the great Napoleon had to say about the central figure of this book:

Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I, myself, have founded great empires; but upon what do these depend? Upon force. Jesus alone founded His empire upon love, and to this day millions would die for Him.

VOICE INSTRUCTION POPULAR

It would seem that a large portion of the folks on Bryan Hill want to develop vocal talent, as nineteen students and two or three staff or faculty members have signed up under Prof. Hartman, and the air at the north end of the building is constantly overflowing with scales and melodies. Already known for its "singing atmosphere," it now seems that Bryan University shall soon be even better known in the world of Gospel music.

September Gift Receipts

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| 458 | 5.00 | 488 |12.00 | 518 | 1.00 | 548 | 5.00 |
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RECEPTION OPENS SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP

The evening of September 25 marked the date of the first outstanding social event of the school year, the reception for new staff members and students. After the freshmen had been introduced to the faculty and other staff members, they met the other students less formally through the use of autograph booklets.

Impromptu speeches by some of the freshmen on subjects ranging from "Romantic St. Augustine" to "Red-Headed Relatives," and greetings from the new staff members were both amusing and interesting. Miss Hess, the new dietitian, spoke very well through delicious refreshments.

The unveiling of the large portrait of the head of Christ furnished a fitting climax to the evening's activities. The picture had been presented to the University last Christmas by Artist Warner E. Sallman, but only during the past summer did the classes of 1941 and 1942 have the picture framed and a portrait light attached, in order to display it more attractively to the glory of Him whom it represents.

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as the visiting speaker. At a dinner in his honor at the University Dining Hall, eighty-five businessmen of Dayton and Chattanooga were present.

Addressing the men, Mr. LeTourneau gave his testimony how, through a unique "partnership with God," he has developed an \$18,000,000 corporation for the manufacture of road-building equipment. His testimony is one of complete faith and surrender to God's will. The growth and success of his great corporation is concrete evidence of the power of God when complete trust is given Him.

After the banquet, Mr. LeTourneau went to the Rhea County High school auditorium to deliver a message to a mass meeting of students and citizens of Dayton.

"Power" was the theme of Mr. LeTourneau's message in the auditorium, in which he contrasted the great power of his huge machines and the infinite power of the Gospel.

Friday evening's service was held in the Foursquare Church with Dr. Shadduck speaking. The final conference session was held in the Baptist Church on Sunday night, when Dr. Van Gilder spoke to a crowd that overflowed the main auditorium.

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Alumni Notes

By M. L. F.

Among Bryan alumni enrolled in seminaries this fall are Edward Paul, '41, in Faith Seminary, Wilmington, Del.; Glenn Klamm, '40, in Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, N. Y.; James Furman, '41, in Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. Holmes Smith, III, '40, in Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Ga.; William Kerr, '39, in Grace Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stroud (Naomi Jewell, '35), in Chattanooga on October 3, a daughter, Edna Rose. Best wishes and congratulations to all three.

Alvin Hall, '40, is at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo.

Best wishes and a prayer for the Lord's blessings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Levensgood, married September 14 in Clearfield, Pa. Mrs. Levensgood (Lillian Hummel, '40), is assisting Mr. Levensgood in the rural evangelism work of the Tennessee Rural Bible Crusade.

Announcements simulating news items reported the birth of Lee Hendren to Lewis Llewellyn, '38, and Sara Idleman Llewellyn, '39, both members of the University staff. Congratulations to the proud parents, and sympathy to Russell Chandler, who must give up his favored place as baby of the family.

DR. WIRT SPEAKS ON ALASKA

Dr. Loyal L. Wirt, who for a summer travelled on the Chautauqua circuit with William Jennings Bryan, brought to the University group on October 7th one of the most instructive and interesting lectures ever presented for their entertainment.

His experiences as a mission worker in Alaska during the gold rush, later as Commissioner of Education in the same country, his more than 1,200-mile trip behind a team of dogs over the frozen wasteland to bring help to a disease-infected community, his escapes from unfriendly Eskimos—these and numerous other episodes kept the listeners keenly attentive for well over an hour.

Concluding his lecture with an appeal that the young people open their hearts to the call of God for Christian workers in "America's Treasure House," Dr. Wirt left both students and staff with the realization they had, indeed, heard more than just a lecture. It had been a challenging call to a great service.

WE WONDER

We wonder why it is that some men rail at the policy of some institutions which require teachers to sign a statement of faith before being employed in the institution. Why object to signing a statement of faith if one believes it? If one does not believe it, why should he want to teach in an institution dedicated to that belief? If a man *really believes* a thing, does he mind saying so?

We wonder why some men in trying to appear scholarly, we suppose, express themselves so hazily along doctrinal lines in their writings and addresses that one cannot be sure what they believe. When a man has an opportunity to commit himself definitely, why does he not do it if he has convictions? If he does not hold clear doctrinal convictions according to the Scriptures and if he does no longer believe in the old revealed verities, why is he not honorable enough to say so? Why should a man so express himself that both Modernists and those sound in the faith claim him as on their side?

We wonder why it is that so many writers and speakers will appeal to science, philosophy, psychology, literature, history, archeology and other human sources (appeals to these being appropriate in their place) in support of a line of thought and make little or no appeal to a definite "Thus saith the Lord" as the authoritative settlement of the proposition. Is it because they no longer believe in the Bible as infallibly inspired and authoritative? Do they consider it "naive" to believe and quote what God says?

Suppose that you were called upon to give a concise statement of "the faith once delivered to the saints" as set forth in Scripture. What would be your reaction? If neither you nor our people generally are informed on such things as they ought to be, whose fault is it? We wonder.

—Baptist and Reflector

MODERN EDUCATION

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This is the unique factor of education under religious sanctions. All Christian bodies need to take seriously their obligation and opportunity in the educational field. Many of them need first to recapture the realities of a faith which in them has become dim through their own world-conformity. No superficial religious motive will give the courage and sacrificial spirit that Christian education now calls for.—*Western Record*.

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